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COUNTY RECEIVES SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM GRANTS

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced the receipt of three mini-grants totaling \$29,493 from the New York State Office for Children and Family Services to support Positive Youth Development summer programs. The grants will be funded through the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau and support summer programs offered at Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Inc., Mt. Hope Family Center and Cameron Community Ministries.

"The Youth Bureau and these fellow agencies promote asset building and Positive Youth Development throughout the county. This is an excellent way to support valuable programs that may otherwise not have the funds to survive," said Doyle.

The following agencies and projects were awarded grants for the amounts shown:

• Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Inc. \$5,803

The Summer Experience Program 2001 of the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Inc. will provide 25 high risk youth ages 8-12 residing in the southwest area of the city, with intensive social and competence program activities involving participation in an arts project, cultural awareness project, and community service, as well as conflict resolution and problem solving program sessions throughout the summer.

• Mt. Hope Family Center

\$13,500

The Mt. Hope Summer Camp serves 230 boys and girls, 6-13 years of age, who attend elementary, middle school, home school or are involved in day treatment programs that address special educational and socio-emotional needs. The camp experience will add three social skills areas to their weekly learning and skill building activities: group cohesiveness, accepting self and others, and conflict resolution.

• Cameron Community Ministries

\$10,190

The Northwest Summer Youth program of Cameron Community Ministries will serve 30 youth, ages 6 –14 throughout the summer, who reside in the Lyell-Otis Neighborhood. The program will implement components and activities that build skills in effective communication, problem solving, peaceful conflict resolution and participatory citizenship through community service.

Agencies were chosen based on a request for proposals that included social and emotional competency development components in summer programming for youth. The agencies selected do not currently receive funding through the Youth Bureau's regular submission process. These mini-grants will cover partial program costs. Contracts will extend through December 31, 2001.

The acceptance and award of the grants is subject to approval by the Monroe County Legislature.

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